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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is filed in response to the restriction requirement of August 22, 2003 in the above case. The Examiner has taken the position that two distinct inventions are contained in the claims of the application. Specifically, the Examiner is requiring election of one of the following inventions under 35 USC 121, as follows:

I. Claims 1 through 12, drawn to an apparatus, namely, a fractionator, classified in class 196, subclass 132.

II. Claims 13 through 19, drawn to a fractionation process, classified in class 203, subclass 100.

Applicant here by elects invention II, claims 13 through 19, with out traverse.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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